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An English Abstract is also included for European reference EP 1400415. The Abstract and the enclosed search report provide a concise explanation of the relevance of the reference.

Consideration and entry into the record of the listed references is respectfully requested.

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